Sl.No.	States/UTs	Wasteland
30.	Chandigarh	0.00
31.	D & N Haveli	7.00
32.	Daman & Diu	4.00
33.	Delhi	14.00
34.	Lakshadweep	0.00
35.	Pondicherry	4.00
	TOTAL:	63850.00

Excise duty exemption on diesel for fishermen

3133. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reimburse the Central Excise Duty on diesel oil, used by fishermen, and enhancement of present ceiling limit from 35 paise to Rs. 2.25 per litre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the extent of relief proposed to be given to the fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The matter of continuing the scheme to reimburse Central Excise Duty on diesel oil is currently under consideration of the Government. The rate of relief to be extended to fishermen would be arrived at during finalisation of the scheme.

Exemption of royalty for HF radio sets in A.P.

3134. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought exemption of royalty and licence fee, payable to the Ministry of Telecommunications, on very High Frequency radio sets/shore communication stations, used by the fishermen; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the relief proposed to be given to the fishermen in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Communications charges a licence fee of Rs. 100/- and royalty of Rs. 4800/- per annum per link for communication over a distance of 50 to 60 Kms. But for fishing vessels, only Rs. 250/- per annum per vessel as licence fee (on royalty), which is quite moderate, is charged for issue of Maritime Mobile Station licence.

Foodgrains scam

3135. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 19th August, 2002 under the caption "Grains meant for poor sold for profit";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any enquiry has been initiated in the matter to bring culprits to book; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYANYADAV): (a) to (d) The State Government of Jharkhand has already done the needful in the matter.

Excessive use of fertilizers and insecticides

†3136. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that farmers are using more than the required quantity of fertilizers and insecticides;

(b) if so, whether any concerted efforts are being made for educating the farmers, about the ill-effects of usage of fertilizers and inseticides, optimum use of underground water and other resources, for increasing yield; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.